

**Committee of the Whole**  
**May 26, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom and Facebook Live**

Council members in attendance: Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Al Delgado, Zach Green, Jim O'Reilly, Sarah Stankorb Taylor, Jeff LeRoy, and Nancy Averett

Staff members in attendance: Rusty Herzog – Police Chief and Lynn Tetley – City Manager

Others present: Dan Deters, Cathy Deters, and Rich Surace – Energy Alliances

Gas Aggregation Program Discussion

Ms. Stankorb Taylor requested information regarding the natural gas aggregation program, specifically understanding why the rate does not always save residents versus the Duke Utility rate. Mr. Deters explained that a gas aggregation program is intended to insulate residents from energy rate spikes during cold months. The program is not advertised to save money, however, since the inception of the Wyoming program the net-net has been a savings to users. Pricing for natural gas is bid at the end of each contract term with the assistance of Energy Alliances. The program reports showing the rates are on the City website and are provided via email in the City e-newsletter. Ms. Stankorb Taylor also requested they be included in the City Council reports. If a resident wishes to leave the aggregation program to take advantage of a lower rate, there is no fee to leave the program. There is also nothing preventing a resident from rejoining the program in the future. City Council agreed to continue with the program as it is currently structured.

Commercial Vehicle Parking

Ms. Stankorb Taylor asked for background on the ordinance that prohibits the parking of commercial vehicles (i.e. heavy trucks, vehicles with commercial decals, trucks with tools visible) on City streets and private driveways. Ms. Stankorb Taylor feels this may be unfair for blue collared workers and could be hurting working families. Chief Herzog stated this ordinance is enforced on a complaint basis. In 2020, there have been five complaints and in 2019 there were eight. In the particular case mentioned by Ms. Stankorb Taylor, the Police Department has given the resident time to move the vehicle as it is currently their only vehicle. Generally there is no citation issued for these situations. There is no flexibility in the ordinance, so there is no situation in which a vehicle like this can remain permanently. City Council agreed this law should remain as it is currently.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Hoffmeister asked if City Council wished to begin meeting in person again at the June meeting. Council agreed to continue Zoom meetings through August 2020. Individual Boards and Commissions will decide how they will meet going forward.

Mr. Delgado asked about the status of recreational offerings such as day camp, the construction on the Kattelmann property, team sports, the fitness center, etc. Ms. Tetley provided updates on each of these items. Playgrounds are still closed, per the County Health Department. Mr. Delgado asked for an update on the Springfield Pike project and how the restaurants and DORA are working. Ms. Tetley provided these updates.

Mr. O'Reily thanked Ms. Tetley for working with local businesses to provide information regarding business assistance opportunities from the County.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor asked if many local businesses are receiving PPP funds. Ms. Tetley reported that it seems more recent funding rounds have proved successful for local businesses.

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved:

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor